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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 5459

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, SY

SUBJECT: INDIVIDUAL CARRYING EXPLOSIVE DEVICE APPREHENDED AT
JORDANIAN PAVILION OF DAMASCUS FAIR

1. DUSEX LEARNED FROM CONTACTS AT DAMASCUS FAIRGROUND THAT
INDIVIDUAL IN POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICE SEIZED BY
AUTHORITIES AT JORDANIAN PAVILION EVENING OF AUGUST 16. NO
DETAILS PROVIDED ON INDIVIDUAL'S NATIONALITY NOR ON TYPE OF
DEVICE HE CARRYING.

2. WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS OF MORE BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN
DAMASCUS WITHIN PAST WEEK BUT UNABLE TO CONFIRM THEM. SOME
DAMASCENES BELIEVE IN SOME CASES NOISE BOMBS BEING USED
JUST TO MAINTAIN TENSION AMONG POPULATION OF SYRIAN CAPITAL.
(COMMENT: IN THIS THEY ARE SUCCEEDING.)

3. RSO HAS DISCUSSED WITH DUSEX IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL
MEASURES TO IMPROVE SECURITY AT AMERICAN PAVILION UNTIL FAIR
ENDS IN THREE DAYS.

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